CONSTITUTION

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OF

KNIGHTS Ttemplar

OF

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

STYLE AND TITLE.

Section 1. The style and title of this body is "The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island."

JURISDICTION.

Section 2. Its jurisdiction extends over the territorial limits of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

POWERS.

Section 3. In it alone is vested the right and duty, which it cannot delegate, to superintend and govern all Encampments of

Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction.

It has exclusive power to grant dispensations and warrants for forming and opening Encampments of the above Orders, and to extend or revoke the same.

It enacts statutes and issues edicts, and amends and repeals the same.

It censures, suspends and erases Councils and Encampments, and any of their members, for violation or neglect of its statutes and edicts.

It has supreme authority throughout this jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to Templar Masonry, subject only to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order.

MEMBERS.

Section 4. It shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Prelate, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Standard

Bearer, Grand Warder, Grand Captain of the Guards, Grand Sentinel; *ex officio:* of all Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Generalissimos, and Past Grand Captain Generals, of this body: of the Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captain Generals, for the time being, of all subordinate Encampments under this jurisdiction, and of all Past Commanders of such subordinates, so long as they are members of an Encampment, under this jurisdiction, in good standing.

The above-named present and past Officers (the Grand Sentinel excepted) and Representatives and Past Commanders of subordinate Encampments, are the only voters in this Grand Encampment.

A permanent member has but one vote in his own right as such, and but two in any case.

ATTENDANCE AND PROXIES.

Section 5. Either of the first four past or present officers of this Grand Encampment

being unable to attend its assemblies in person, has the power, which it is his duty to exercise, to appoint a proxy, who shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of his constituent, except that of taking his rank in the Encampment.

Such proxy must be, at the time of service, a member of the same subordinate Encampment as his principal, and a Templar of not less than three years' standing, and must present a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

OFFICERS AND ELECTION.

Section 6. The first nine officers shall be chosen by written ballot: the others by appointment of the Grand Master.

No Knight is eligible to any office in this Grand Encampment unless he be a member of some subordinate Encampment, and a Templar of not less than three years' standing.

The officers thus chosen shall serve until their successors have been installed. The

title of the Grand Master is "Most Eminent": of the other Grand Officers, "Right Eminent."

ASSEMBLIES.

Section 7. This Grand Encampment shall assemble in October and May of each year, at such time and place as the presiding officer shall appoint—in October for the election of officers and the transaction of the annual business, and in May for the exemplification of the work and ritual, and the transaction of such business as shall be necessarily presented, and the consideration of such matters as pertain to the general good of the order.

Special assemblies may be held at the pleasure of the presiding officer, but no business shall be done at a special meeting other than that of which a notice accompanied the call.

PREROGATIVES AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Section 8. The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, at their pleasure, visit and

preside in any subordinate Encampment, and give such instruction and direction in the work and ritual as the good of the order may require, always conforming to the Ancient Landmarks and this Grand Constitution.

It is the duty of the Grand Master, in person or by one of this Council, to visit and examine every subordinate Encampment under dispensation once in three months, and every chartered Encampment annually, and cause a report of the same to be made at the annual assembly of this Grand Encampment.

It is the duty of the Grand Treasurer to report to the Grand Master, or presiding officer, whenever and as often as there shall be a surplus of one hundred dollars in the treasury, not subject to any appropriation already made, and to invest the same by and with the advice of the first two officers.

It is the duty of the Grand Recorder, annually, to communicate to the Grand Recorders of all State Grand Encampments,

and to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, a list of all the Grand Officers of this Grand Encampment, and all such other matters as the Most Eminent Grand Master shall deem to be for the general good of the Order or useful for their information.

The other duties of the above officers, and the duties of the other officers, are such as are traditionally appropriate to their offices, and such as may be required of them by this Grand Encampment and the Grand Master.

NEW ENCAMPMENTS.

Section 9. Dispensations for forming and opening new Encampments may be issued by the Grand Master during recess of the Grand Encampment only — dispensations so issued to be of force only until the succeeding stated assembly of this body, unless continued by vote thereof. Provided, however, that no dispensation shall be issued without the consent of the Encampment

nearest to the place where the new one is to be located; and if in that town or city there is more than one, the consent of all shall be obtained.

Charters shall be granted by vote of the Grand Encampment alone, and at a stated meeting.

An Encampment formed within this jurisdiction without a dispensation or charter, as above provided, shall be deemed illegal, and all communication between Encampments under this jurisdiction and the members of such illegal ones, is hereby strictly forbidden.

FEES FOR DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

Section 10. The fees for a Dispensation are forty dollars to the Grand Encampment, and three dollars to the Grand Recorder; and for a Charter, sixty dollars to the Grand Encampment, and seven dollars to the Grand Recorder; and for a Charter without a previous Dispensation, one hundred dollars to the Grand Encampment and ten dollars to

the Grand Recorder. In no case shall a Dispensation or Charter be issued until the required fees shall have been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

GRAND FUND.

Section 11. One tenth of the unincumbered funds of this body at its annual assembly in October, 1859, and one tenth of its present and future income, shall be set apart, and shall form a "Grand Fund," the interest only of which shall be expended, for charitable and other purposes, at the discretion of this Grand body. Provided, however, that no portion of the interest shall be expended, for any purpose whatever, until the principal shall amount to five thousand dollars. The unexpended income of the Fund, and all donations to the same, shall be annually added to the principal. Until this Fund shall amount to five thousand dollars, it shall not be in Knightly faith to diminish the rate of increase, as provided above.

The Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Recorder shall be a Committee, to be styled "The Grand Fund Committee," whose duty it shall be to attend to the safe and profitable investment of this Fund. They shall also make a detailed report, in writing, of its condition at each and every annual assembly, in October. A failure so to do shall render them ineligible to re-election for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

MEMBERS.

Section 1. Every subordinate Encampment shall consist of a Grand Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Prelate, Treasurer, Recorder, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Sword Bearer, Standard Bearer, and Warder, and such other officers and members as may be found convenient.

ASSEMBLIES.

Section 2. Every subordinate Encampment shall assemble at least quarterly, for improvement and business.

OFFICERS — ELECTION AND DUTIES.

Section 3. The first eight officers shall be elected by written ballot; the others may be appointed by the Grand Commander, at the pleasure of the Encampment. The officers thus chosen shall serve until their successors shall have been installed. The title of the Grand Commander is "Most Eminent." The Grand Commander of a subordinate Encampment has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of his Encampment and this Grand Constitution are duly observed; that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered; that regular returns to this Grand Encampment are made annually, and that the annual dues are promptly paid. He calls special meetings of his Encampment at

pleasure, and it is his duty, with his Generalissimo and Captain General, to attend all assemblies of this Grand Encampment.

The duties of the other officers are such as are traditionally appropriate, and such as may be assigned them by the Encampment or the Grand Commander.

OBLIGATION.

Section 4. The officers of every subordinate Encampment before installation, and every candidate upon admission, shall take the following obligation, viz.:—I, ——— ———, promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, so far as the same shall conform to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

Section 5. Every subordinate Encampment shall make a return to this Grand En-

campment, at the annual assembly in October, of the roll of its officers and members, of all candidates for the orders accepted or rejected, and shall pay to this Grand Encampment five dollars for every Knight created, and an annual fee of three dollars.

ORDERS, FEES AND RULE OF SUCCESSION.

Section 6. No subordinate Encampment shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than thirty dollars, nor on any person who shall not have regularly received the several degrees of E. A., F. C., M. M., M. M. M., P. M., M. E. M., and R. A. M. The orders shall be conferred in the following succession, viz.: 1. Kt. of the R. C. 2. Kt. T. 3. Kt. of Malta.

SOJOURNERS.

Section 7. It is not regular for a subordinate Encampment to confer the Orders of Knighthood upon any sojourner from any State or place in which there is an Encampment regularly established, except by con-

sent of the Encampment having jurisdiction. Any Encampment which violates this regulation shall be subject to Knightly discipline, and be required to pay, on demand, to the Encampment having jurisdiction, the amount of fees received.

Any Encampment may, however, take cognizance of the conduct of sojourning Knights.

QUESTIONS.

Section 8. In every assembly of Knights, all questions, except of the admission of candidates and members, and of matters specially reserved by the By-Laws, shall be decided by a majority vote,—the presiding officer, if a member, being entitled to one vote, and, in case of a tie, to the casting vote.

REGALIA.

Section 9. The regalia of this Grand Encampment and its subordinates, is such as is, from time to time, approved by this Grand Body.

OPENING AND CLOSING.

Section 10. All Councils and Encampments should be opened and closed in due and ancient form; and Encampments with devotion.

AMENDMENTS.

Section 11. This Grand Constitution may be altered or amended by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting in October.

Officers of the Grand Encampment

OF

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

ELECTED OCTOBER 31, 1860.

GRAND MASTER.

M. E. Sir WILLIAM FIELD,.....of Providence, R. I.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Sir WILLIAM ELLISON,... .....of Boston, Mass.

GRAND GENERALISSIMO.

Sir E. C. BAILEY,.....of Boston, Mass.

GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.

Sir WILLIAM S. GARDNER,.....of Lowell, Mass.

GRAND PRELATE.

Rev. Sir THOS. R. LAMBERT,..of Charlestown, Mass.

GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

Sir WYZEMAN MARSHALL,.....of Boston, Mass.

GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

Sir CHARLES A. DAVIS,.....of Chelsea, Mass.

GRAND TREASURER.

Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN,.....of Boston, Mass.

GRAND RECORDER.

Sir SOLON THORNTON,.....of Boston, Mass.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Sir GARDNER T. SWARTZ,.....of Providence, R. I.

GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

Sir G. W. BENTLEY,..... ...of Worcester, Mass.

GRAND WARDEN.

Sir WILLIAM B. BLANDING,....of Providence, R. I.

PERMANENT MEMBERS

OF THE

Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

APRIL, 1861.

John R. Bradford,.....Boston.
Charles F. Blanchard,.....Lowell.
James W. Crooks,.....Springfield.
Pardon Clark,.....Providence.
A. A. Dame,.....Boston.
John Eldred,.....Newport.
James Esterbrook,.....Worcester.
John Flint,.....Boston.
William Field,.....Providence.
Samuel Fessenden,.....Portland, Me.
Cyrus Fisher,.....Providence.
C. B. Farnsworth,.....Pawtucket.
Nathan H. Gould,.....Newport.
John Hews,.....Cambridge.
John B. Hammatt,.....Boston.
James Hutchinson,..... ...Providence.
Daniel Harwood,.....Boston.
S. K. Hutchinson,.....Lowell.
George E. Johnson,.....Holliston.
Robert Lash,.....Boston.

Winslow Lewis,.....Boston.
Samuel Lewis,.....Providence.
Thomas R. Lambert,.....Charlestown.
Charles W. Moore,.....Boston.
John McClellan,.....Boston.
Gilbert Nourse,.....Boston.
Thomas Power,.....Boston.
Edward A. Raymond,.....Boston.
Simon W. Robinson,.....Lexington.
John B. Reed,.....Pawtucket.
Charles Robbins,.....Boston.
Levi Rawson,.....Farnhamsville.
James Salisbury,.....Providence.
Josiah Whitaker,.....Providence.
Asa Woodbury,.....Sutton.
George F. Wilson,.....Providence.
Clement A. Walker,.....Boston.
Joseph Young, Jr.,.....Newburyport.

ENCAMPMENTS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Encampment

OF

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

ST. JOHN'S,.....PROVIDENCE.
BOSTON,.....BOSTON.
NEWBURYPORT,.....NEWBURYPORT.
WASHINGTON,.....NEWPORT.
DE MOLAY,.....BOSTON.
SPRINGFIELD,.....SPRINGFIELD.
HOLY SEPULCHRE,.....PAWTUCKET.
WORCESTER COUNTY,.....WORCESTER.
PILGRIM,.....LOWELL.
PALESTINE,.....CHELSEA.
MILFORD,.....MILFORD.
ST. BERNARD,.....BOSTON.
CALVARY,.....PROVIDENCE.